

With Country or Origin labeling being debated now I figured I would put my two cents in.

I believe that in order to have a valid program, the animal being born, raised and processed in the United States. We the producers should be identifying our calves around birth but no later than six months of age. For people in the West this can be done when you brand the calves.

A third party will need to ID the calves and this is where it will become costly. I believe that you-(U.S.D.A) will have to hire more county extension agents. These people would go around and help verify that these cow-calves were born in the U.S.A. I believe that this is the only way that we can verify that these cows have been born in the U.S.A.

Thank you for taking these comments.

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